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Imperial County Department of Public Works  
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Subject: Extension to Amended Notice and Order No. EA-2008-03 for the Palo Verde  
Solid Waste Site (Facility No. 13-AA-0007)

Mr. Brunet:

The Imperial County Division of Environmental Health, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) is in receipt of your request dated November 24, 2009 for an extension to the deadline of December 31, 2009 to complete final closure construction at the Palo Verde Solid Waste Site. The deadline to complete the final closure of the site was stipulated by the LEA in Amended Notice and Order No. EA-2008-03 issued to your agency on June 30, 2009 for failure to comply with State regulations mandating the time frames for completing landfill closures.

The request to extend the deadline to complete the closure of the site in accordance with an approved Final Closure/Post Closure Maintenance Plan (FCPCMP) states that this failure to comply is primarily due to delays in obtaining regulatory approvals to proceed. The California Integrated Waste Management Board has since issued a technical adequacy letter for the FCPCMP, but cannot formally approve the document as the County has not demonstrated that adequate closure funds are available to complete the closure of the site.

However, the LEA recognizes your efforts to take measureable and meaningful steps to complete the closure of the site by completing the bid process and securing a contractor for closure construction. Therefore, the LEA is hereby granting a final extension of the deadline to complete the closure of the site.

As indicated in your request, the timeframes have been amended from Amended Notice and Order No. EA-2008-03 to the following:

- Complete closure construction in accordance with the approved Final Closure Plan by **April 30, 2010**; and
- Submit a final certification and CQA report by **May 31, 2010**.

Failure to complete closure construction in accordance with the approved Final Closure Plan and to submit the final certification and CQA report on or before these deadlines will result in this agency seeking civil penalties for each day the facility fails to comply with the Amended Notice and Order.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 336-8530.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lars Seifert', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lars Seifert  
Environmental Health Services Manager  
Local Enforcement Agency

cc: Scott Humpert, CIWMB  
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